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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Community Engagement Center at Clark University Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project Clark University, located at 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610. The funding would be used to build a 5,000-square-foot Innovation & Entrepreneurship Community Engagement Center on a blighted lot on Main Street.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Clark University will build a 5,000-square-foot Innovation & Entrepreneurship Community Engagement Center on a blighted lot on Main Street. The Center builds on Clark's strengths, including the Small Business Development Center and its Innovation & Entrepreneurship program to develop a community engagement extension targeting local and minority entrepreneurs in Worcester County.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern Member of Congress

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